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# Interview Summary

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Date of Interview 5/9/01

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: None

Identification of prior art discussed:

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ No.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant's response (Paper # 17, 4/20/01) to the previous office action and the Rule 131 Declaration (Paper #19, 5/2/01) overcome the prior art and Claims 41-42, 45, & 48-69 (all claims of record) are in condition for allowance. The Examiner will proceed with preparation of the "Interference Initial Memorandum" (Form PTO-850) in accordance with MPEP § 2309.02 for submission to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Formal declaration of an interference will be made, if appropriate, by the assigned Administrative Patent Judge. See MPEP § 2311.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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